

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

forming at least one groove in a socket housing contiguous to and in the same plane as a surface mount region for an electrical device; and
securing a rigid bar within the at least one groove to thereby ensure that the surface mount region is flat and remains flat, wherein no portion of the rigid bar extends outside the at least one ~~[[grove]]~~ groove, and
retaining the rigid bar within the at least one groove using a plurality of clips.

18. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the forming of the groove comprises:

providing the groove with a U-shaped cross-section.

19. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the rigid bar comprises:
a rod.

20.-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

forming a U-shaped groove in a socket housing contiguous to three sides of a surface mount region for an electrical device, and
securing a U-shaped rigid warpage reinforcement bar in the three sides in a mating relationship in the U-shaped groove to provide a surface mount region for an electrical device within the U-shape of the U-shaped bar in the U-shaped groove to thereby ensure that the surface mount region is flat and remains flat, and

retaining the U-shaped rigid warpage reinforcement bar in the U-shaped groove using a plurality of clips.

24. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the forming of the U-shaped groove comprises:

providing the U-shaped groove with a U-shaped cross-section.

25 (Original) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the rigid bar comprises:
a rod.

26.-33. (Canceled)